

III. **REMARKS**

Claims 7, 9-11, 13-16, 29, 30, and 32-41 are pending in this application.

Claims 7, 9-11, 14-16, 30, and 32-40 are allowed.

Claim 31 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim and would be allowed if written in independent form. This claim has been rewritten as new claim 41.

Claims 9-11 have been amended to be dependent on allowed claim 7.

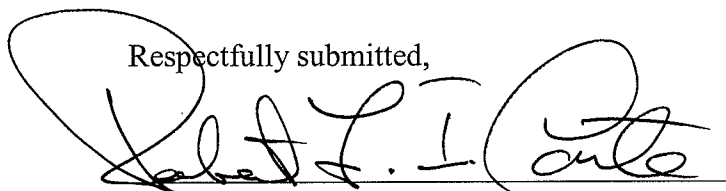
Claims 13 and 28 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 13 and 41 (which has the subject matter of claim 28) have been amended to have the "adapted to be" language therein and therefore this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a). Claims 27 and 28 have been cancelled and claim 29 has been made dependent on allowed claim 41 (claim 31 written in independent form).

Claim 13 has been amended to be dependent on claim 7 rather than claim 11 in order to clearly bring out the structure of Figs. 3 & 4.

Since all of the claims are either allowed or depend on allowed claims, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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